

In the Claims:

1 (Currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising at least one ~~binding site for a Ter binding protein~~ Ter-site and further comprising at least one recombination site.

2 (Canceled).

3 (Original): The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the molecule comprises all or a portion of a TerB site.

4 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is selected from a group consisting of a plasmid, a transposon, a BAC, a YAC, and a phage.

5 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein the molecule is a linear molecule comprising all or a portion of a Ter-site capable of being bound by a Ter-binding protein at each end.

6 (Previously presented): The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5, further comprising one or more sequences selected from a group consisting of restriction enzyme recognition sequences, origins of replication, and selectable marker sequences.

7-12 (Canceled).

13 (Currently amended): A solid support comprising at least one oligonucleotide comprising at least one ~~binding site for a Ter-binding protein~~ Ter-site and further comprising at least one recombination site.

14 (Previously presented): The solid support according to claim 13, wherein the solid support is a non-biological material.

15 (Previously presented): The solid support according to claim 13, wherein the oligonucleotide is capable of forming a stem-loop or hairpin.

16 (Previously presented): The solid support according to claim 15, wherein a duplex portion of a stem-loop or hairpin comprises a Ter-site.

17-33 (Canceled).

34 (Previously presented): A composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, further comprising a Ter-binding protein.

35 (Previously presented): The composition according to claim 34, wherein the Ter-binding protein is a Tus protein or RTP.

36-53 (Canceled).

54 (Currently amended): A kit comprising ~~[[a]]~~ an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising at least one ~~binding site for a Ter-binding protein~~ Ter-site and further comprising at least one recombination site, said kit further comprising one or more components selected from a group consisting of one or more Ter-binding proteins, one or more nucleotides, one or more DNA polymerases, one or more reverse transcriptases, one or more suitable buffers, one or more primers, one or more recombination proteins, instructions, and one or more terminating agents.

55-57 (Canceled).

58 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid comprises an origin of replication and at least two Ter-sites, wherein the at least two Ter-sites are arranged with respect to the origin of replication such that the sequence between the at least two Ter-sites is not replicated in a host cell that expresses a replication termination protein.

59 (Currently amended): The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1, wherein the ~~binding site for a Ter-binding protein~~ Ter-site binds Tus.